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BANGLADESHI POLICE PARTICIPATE IN ANTITERRORISM ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP ON "COUNTERTERRORISM COMPONENTS OF ACADEMY DEVELOPMENT"

DHAKA, AUGUST 12 -- The U.S. Government, through the U.S. Department of State's Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA) Program and the U.S. Embassy's Regional Security Office, concluded a ten-day workshop on Counterterrorism Components of Academy Development (CTCAD) on Thursday, August 9, 2012.

The workshop, offered by the Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security and taught by U.S.-based instructors, took place at the Police Staff College Bangladesh in the city. Instructors/Officers from Police Training Institutes of Bangladesh Police participated.

According to the Regional Security Officer, Bernard N. Nixon, "The Antiterrorism Assistance Program workshops are just one of many avenues we can use to fight terrorism together and protect the interests of Bangladesh and the region. ATA programs adhere to the 'train-the-trainer' methodology, and we expect the Bangladesh Police will disseminate their learning to their fellow colleagues."

This workshop utilizes lecture, discussion, field, and practical exercises to introduce participants to manpower, cost, and other resource requirements necessary to develop or improve a national academy. In this ten-day workshop, topics included human rights, threat analysis and vulnerability assessments, budgeting and cost analysis, course administration, manpower and facilities requirements and projections, and action plan development. Workshop participants designed a draft action plan for use by Bangladesh as it begins working towards building its law enforcement response capabilities.

The U.S. Embassy anticipates offering this workshop several more times throughout the year in partnership with Bangladesh Police.

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